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### Amendments to Food Products Standards and Additives Regulations

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**Report Highlights:**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [FSS \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Regulations, 2011](#) to reflect minor changes in the standards for fats, fat emulsions, margarine, fat spreads and hydrogenated vegetable oils. The amended regulations shall come into force with effect from August 28, 2013.

## **General Information:**

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## **Introduction:**

On July 9, 2013, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2013. The amendments are minor and have been incorporated on the basis of feedback received from various stakeholders on the draft regulations published on December 5, 2012 ([IN2171](#)). The [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2013](#) have not been notified to the WTO.

The amendments relate to Chapter 2 of the [FSS \(Food Products Standards and Food Additives\) Regulations, 2011](#) and include additions to and deletions from sub-regulations 2.2.2, 2.2.5, 2.2.6, relating to standards for: (i) fats, oils and fat emulsions; (ii) Margarine and fat spreads; and (iii) hydrogenated vegetable oils. A summary of the amendments is given below.

### **Sub-Regulation 2.2.2 – Interesterified Vegetable Fat**

- i. The words ‘enzymatic process’ have been added to the opening paragraph, after the words “interesterification of the essentially neutral edible oil or fat, singly or in mixtures generally through.”
- ii. In sub-clause (v), the phrase “Trans fatty acids, not more than ten percent by weight” has been substituted.

### **Sub-Regulation 2.2.5 – Margarine and Fat Spreads**

“Trans fatty acids, not more than ten per cent by weight” shall be substituted in Clause 2, sub-clause (ii),

### **Sub-Regulation 2.2.6 – Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils.**

- i. After “a process of hydrogenation in any form” the words “or chemical or enzymatic interesterification” have been inserted in clause 1.
- ii. “Vegetable oils imported for edible purposes” shall be substituted for item U.
- iii. “Palm Stearin” shall be added as item V.
- iv. “Trans fatty acids, not more than ten percent by weight” shall be substituted in item (b) sub-

clause (vii) and sub-clause (a) of clause (2).

The full text of the amendment as given in the notification is attached below and can also be accessed on the [FSSAI](#) website.

**Details of Notification:** F.No.P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI

- **Publication Date:** June 27, 2013
- **Date of implementation:** August 28, 2013
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of July 11, 2013)

**Products Affected:** All food products

**Agency in Charge:** Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
(FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA)

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 27th June, 2013

**F. No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI.**—Whereas a draft of certain regulations to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 were published, as required by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) No. P. 15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, in Part-III, Section 4, dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification was published and made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012;

And whereas objections or suggestions received from the public on the said draft regulations have been considered by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 of the said Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, with the previous approval of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, namely:-

**Regulations**

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2013.  
(2) They shall come into force after the expiry of sixty days from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.2 relating to "FATS, OILS AND FAT EMULSIONS",—
  - (a) in sub-regulation 2.2.2 relating to 'Interesterified Vegetable Fat', -(i) in the opening paragraph, after the words "interesterification of the essentially neutral edible oil or fat, singly or in mixtures generally through", the words "enzymatic process or" shall be inserted;  
(ii) in sub-clause (v) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely :-  
"Trans fatty acids, not more than ten per cent by weight";
  - (b) in sub-regulation 2.2.5 relating to 'MARGARINE AND FAT SPREADS', in clause 2, for sub-clause (ii) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely :-  
" (ii) Trans fatty acids, not more than ten per cent by weight";
  - (c) in sub-regulation 2.2.6 relating to 'HYDROGENATED VEGETABLE OILS',-  
(i) in clause 1,-  
(A) after the words "a process of hydrogenation in any form", the words "or chemical or enzymatic interesterification" shall be inserted;  
(B) for item u, the following shall be substituted, namely:-  
"u. Vegetable oils imported for edible purposes  
v. Palm Stearin";

(C) in sub-clause (vii) for item (b) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(b) Trans fatty acids, not more than ten per cent by weight”.

(ii) in clause (2), for sub-clause (a) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(a) Trans fatty acids, not more than ten per cent by weight”;

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**Foot Note** :—The Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 dated 1st August, 2011 *vide* notification F. No. 2-15015/30/2010, dated the 1st August, 2011.